

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MARK A. FREGIA,

Plaintiff,

v.

YUCUI CHEN, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:20-cv-01024-DAD-EPG (PC)

ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANTS'
REQUEST TO OPT OUT OF SETTLEMENT
CONFERENCE

(ECF No. 30)

This matter has been referred for an early settlement conference. (ECF No. 27.) On September 23, 2021, Defendants filed a request to opt out of the settlement conference. (ECF No. 30.) Defendants' counsel explains that Defendants believe a settlement conference would be premature at this time and wish to defer participation in a settlement conference to conduct formal discovery and further investigate the claim. (*Id.*)

The Court will grant Defendants' request to opt out of an early settlement conference.¹ A settlement conference may be scheduled at a later date, if appropriate.

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¹ Pursuant to the order regarding early settlement conference (ECF No. 27), Defendants did not need to file a request to opt out of the early settlement conference. Instead, Defendants should have filed a notice that they are opting out of an early settlement conference.

1 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendants' request to opt out of an early
2 settlement conference (ECF No. 30) is GRANTED.

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4 IT IS SO ORDERED.

5 Dated: September 24, 2021

6 /s/ Eric P. Gray
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE